

ARABIC ART



ISLAMIC ART IS MADE UP OF...



- ▢ Geometric Pattern
- ▢ Calligraphy (beautiful and ornate writing)
- ▢ Ceramic work and mosaics
- ▢ Weaving and textiles

Tiles from the 14th century Alhambra throne room in Granada, Spain.

ARCHITECTURE



Islamic Buildings are richly decorated with mosaic work and calligraphy.

This mosque is the famous Dome of the Rock in East Jerusalem



GEOMETRIC PATTERN



Masjid I Jami. Safavid Dynasty, 18th Century. Isfahan, Iran.

A geometric pattern is one that is made up of regular lines and repeated shapes. Shapes can be reflected or rotated to create a pattern.

Islamic artists often have a small deliberate mistake in their patterns to show that they are not perfect

PATTERN DECORATION



It is not just mosques that are decorated with pattern. Many buildings in Islamic countries are decorated with mosaic work (patterns made up from small pieces of coloured tile).

This pattern is made up from hexagonal pieces arranged to form diamond shapes. It is the decoration of a palace in Marrakesh, Morocco.

CALLIGRAPHY



Calligraphy is beautiful ornate writing. Mosques are often decorated in with the name Muhammad and verses from the Quran, the Islamic Holy Book.

This piece of Calligraphy means 'Allah is beautiful and loves everything beautiful'.

Image Source:

www.amaana.org/children/rubina.htm

CALLIGRAPHY STYLES



Above are images of Bismillah verse (in Arabic).
The two Bismillahs above say the same thing, in
different Arabic "fonts" or calligraphy styles.

So far we have seen:



The Roman Arch



And
The Pointed Arch

Now we are going
to see:



The Horseshoe Arch



THE MATERIALS THAT THEY USED WERE POOR.

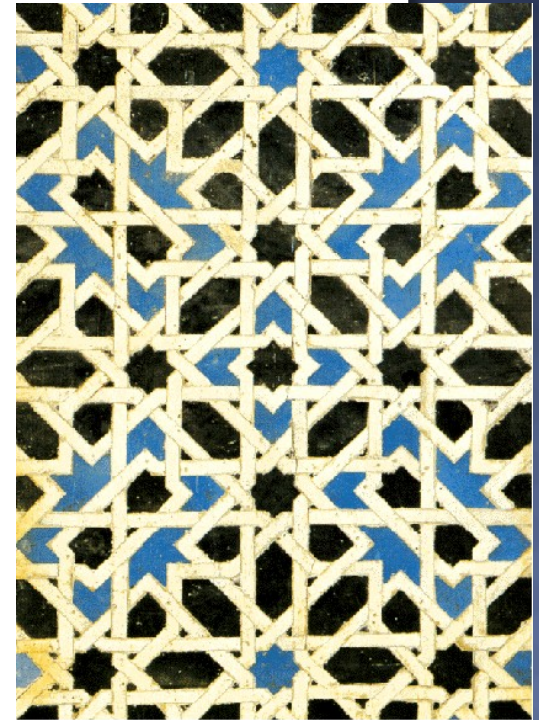
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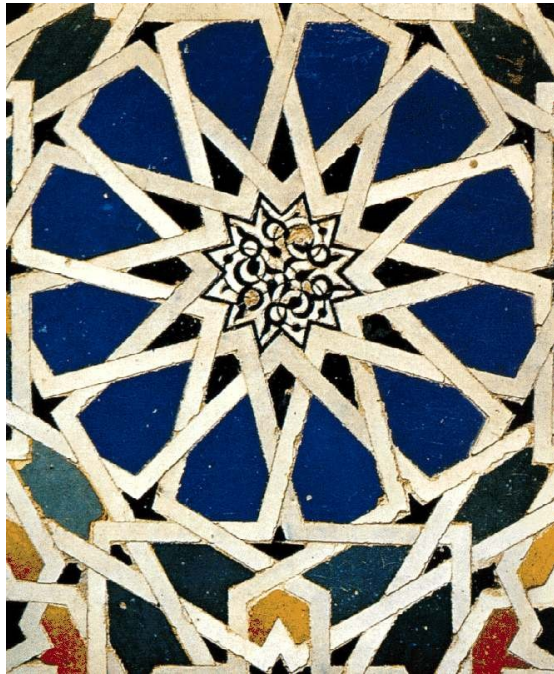
Ceramics:



WITH THESE POOR MATERIALS THEY WERE ABLE TO CREATE WONDERFUL WORKS OF ART WITH AN EXUBERANT DECORATION:

They used the following types of decoration:

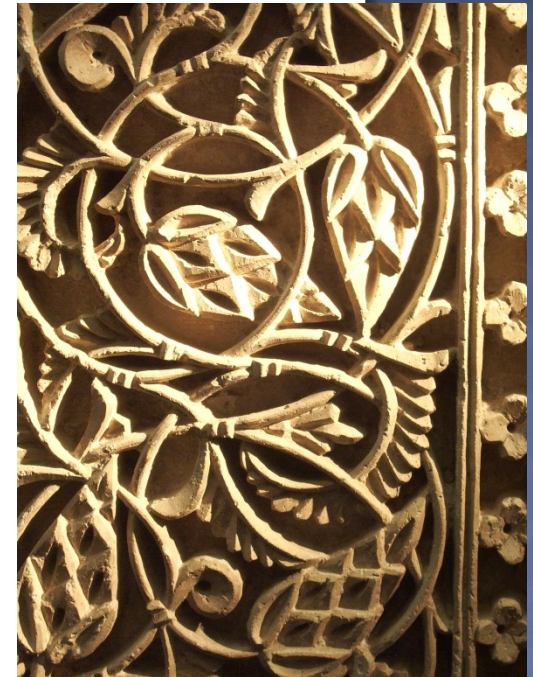
Geometrical Motifs



Calligraphic Motifs



Plant Motifs



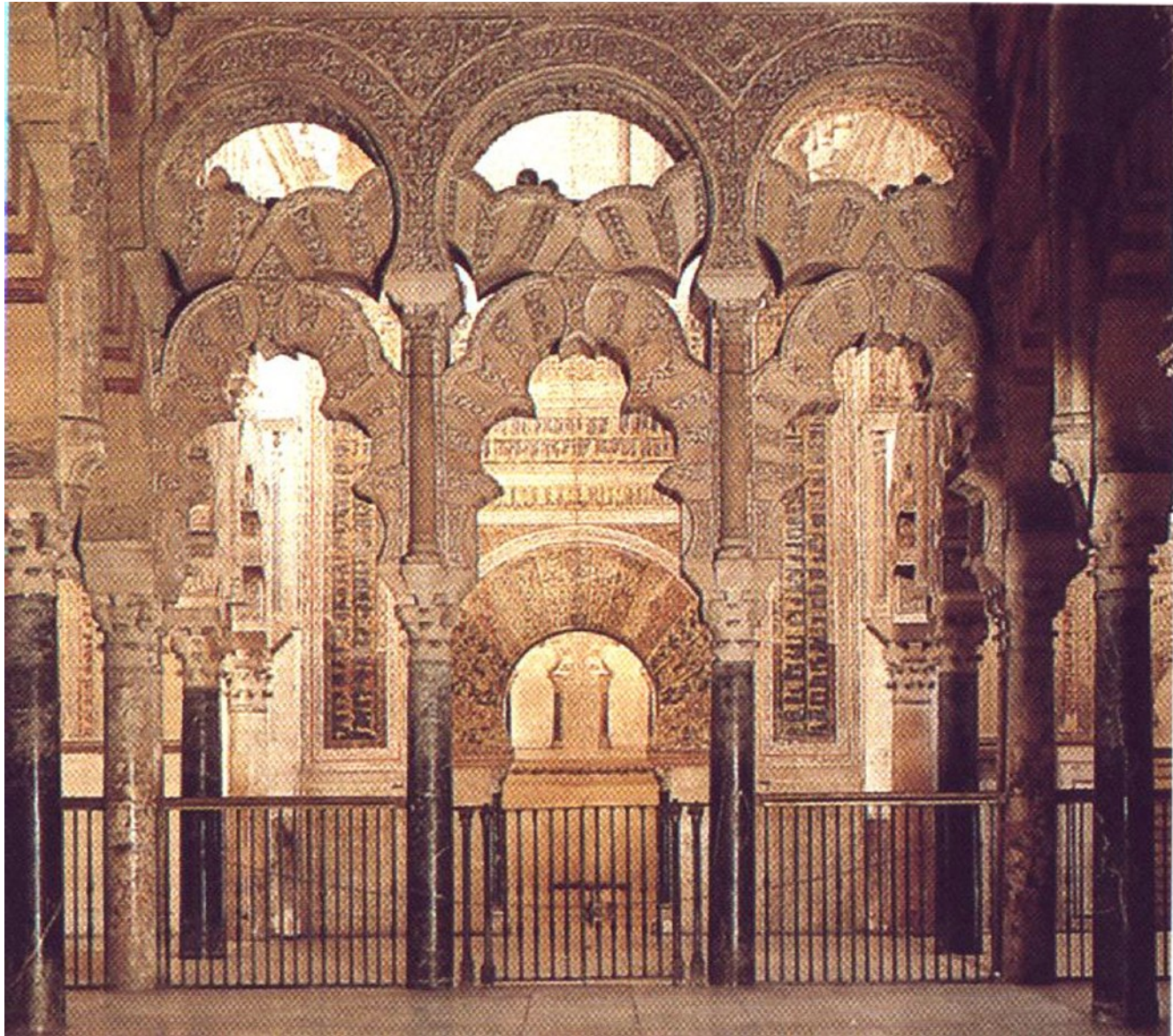
MOSQUE OF CORDOBA





Mihrab





PALACE OF MEDINA AZAHARA





ALHAMBRA





Court of the
Lions

“Patio de los
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Mocarabe Dome



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